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Senate Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Committee
Attn: Patti Keebler
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Dear Senate Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Committee,

The Montana pork industry would enthusiastically support Ed Waldner as our confirmed member of the Board of Livestock (BOL) for a second term. We have been well-represented by his attention to detail, communication abilities and willingness to build consensus among his fellow producers.

During Waldner's last term, our Board of Directors regularly presented issues of concern and visa versa. Our representative carefully followed-through with each of these focus areas by making additional contacts, asking questions and providing written materials. We strongly feel these exchanges have been some of the most useful in many years. Ed is also able to convey the needs of other species in a manner that fosters both additional interest and participation from swine producers.

MPPC also appreciates the selection of a Hutterite colony member for the position, which accurately represents 90% of Montana's pork producers today. We have become more successful in knocking down barriers to Hutterite leadership in our own organization as a result of Ed's appointment to the BOL.

Again, Ed Waldner's performance representing the pork species has been exemplary. The Montana Pork Producers Council asks your committee to reward this behavior with another term of service.

Sincerely,

Anne L. Miller
Executive Director

CC: Christian Mackay